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ORAINE PALMER: Wins in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 4x100 meter relay leads Wiley to NAIA men's national title.

TRACKIN' TITLES

THREE HBCUs CLAIM NATIONAL TRACK TITLES; FOUR FACING APR SANCTIONS; FOUR MAKE HOF

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WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

FOUR MAKE DIV. II TRACK & FIELD HOF:

NEW ORLEANS – Four HBCU products are among nine former collegiate track & field standouts enshrined into the USTFCCCA NCAA Division II Athlete Hall of Fame last week. The inductions were in conjunction with the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lynnsey Dailey and **Antoinette "Ana" Oglesby** of **Fort Valley State** and **Libia Rodriguez** and **Shnaka Walker** of **Saint Augustine's** were four of the nine standouts enshrined.

LYNNSEY DAILEY, FORT VALLEY STATE

Lynnsey Dailey is a five-time NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field National Championship in three different events. Dailey dominated the hurdling scene in the mid-2000s, capturing four of her titles in the 100 and 400 meter hurdles.

Dailey won the 2005 and 2006 outdoor 100 and 400 meter hurdles titles while also adding the 2005 outdoor triple jump title to her resume. Her three titles in 2005 ties her with fellow NCAA Division II Hall of Famers **Chandra Sturup** and **Nicole Duncan** for the most individual titles captured at a single NCAA Division II Outdoors.

A 12-time All-American (all outdoor), Dailey also owned the top NCAA Division II outdoor 100 meter hurdles time (12.98) for three years. That mark currently ranks third in Division II outdoor history.

Additionally, Dailey's time of 57.18 in 400 hurdles remains the eighth-best performance in the event in outdoor history. Dailey and Antoinette "Ana" Oglesby (see below) are the first athletes from FVSSU to be inducted into the Division II Hall of Fame.

ANTOINETTE "ANA" OGLESBY, FORT VALLEY STATE

Antoinette "Ana" Oglesby became just the third woman in NCAA Division II history to win three-straight outdoor triple jump titles, having accomplished the feat from 2009-11.

An eight-time All-American (all outdoor), Oglesby was a runner-up for the triple jump title as a freshman, missing the title by a mere three-quarters of an inch. After that, she never looked back, as she posted marks of 12.44m (40-9 $\frac{1}{2}$), 12.96m (42-6 $\frac{1}{2}$) and 12.72m (41-8 $\frac{1}{2}$) in three-consecutive seasons.

Oglesby is in elite company as a three-time NCAA Division II outdoor champion in a single event. She is one of only 21 women to accomplish that feat.

A four-time SIAC Outdoor Champion, Oglesby was named the USTFCCCA NCAA Division II South Regional Field Athlete of the Year in 2008 and 2011.

LIBIA RODRIGUEZ, SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Libia Rodriguez's medal case is bigger than most. The sprinter and relay runner captured a whopping seven titles over the course of her career for Saint Augustine's.

Rodriguez won the 2002 and 2003 indoor 400 titles, running identical times of 53.83, while also winning the 2002 outdoor 400 with a time of 53.14. But Rodriguez also worked incredibly well as a part of a team, as she was a member of four 4x400 relay teams that scooped up national titles in 1999 and 2002 outdoors and 2000 and 2003 indoors.

A 14-time All-American (six indoor, eight outdoor), Rodriguez can be found in both the NCAA Division II indoor and outdoor record books. She was a part of the 2003 indoor 4x400 championship winning team that ran a 3:40.37, which stands as the fourth-fastest time in NCAA Division II indoor history.

Rodriguez and Shnaka Walker (see below) join 15 others from Saint Augustine's in the Hall of Fame.

SHNAKA WALKER, SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Shnaka Walker did a little bit of everything at Saint Augustine's. A nine-time All-American (four indoor, five outdoor), Walker did damage in the long jump, triple jump, high jump and 4x100 relay during her time with the Falcons. However, she is best remembered for her showings in the long jump.

Walker won three NCAA Division II long jump national titles in three-consecutive seasons for the Falcons. She started by picking up the 1997 indoor long jump title with a mark of 6.00m (19-8 $\frac{1}{2}$). She then captured outdoor titles in 1998 (6.17m/20-3) and 1999 (6.08m/19-11 $\frac{1}{2}$), becoming just the third woman to win back-to-back NCAA Division II outdoor long jump titles.

Walker was named the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Most Valuable Athlete during the 1998 indoor season after winning conference titles in the long jump, triple jump and high jump.



Four to face 2018-19 APR penalties

The NCAA has announced that four athletic programs at NCAA Div. I Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will be ineligible for postseason play due to their low Academic Progress Rates.

Four programs at **Alabama A&M** (men's basketball, men's golf, men's track and field and women's cross country), softball at **Grambling State**, baseball at **Mississippi Valley State** and football at **Morgan State** were ruled out of postseason play because of APR scores.

The same for programs at those schools received Level Two penalties.

Football and women's volleyball at Grambling received Level One penalties.

A dozen teams will take penalties in 2018-19 for not meeting the minimum academic standard set by member schools. Most of the teams ineligible for postseason play also are among those subject to penalties. In 2017-18, 26 teams were subject to penalties.

The first penalty level limits teams to 16 hours of practice per week over five days (as opposed to 20 over six days), with the lost four hours to be replaced with academic activities.

A second level adds additional practice and competition reductions, either in the traditional or non-championship season, to the first-level penalties. The third level, where teams could remain until their rate improves, includes a menu of possible penalties, including coaching suspensions, financial aid reductions and restricted NCAA membership. The Division I Committee on Academics, which oversees Division I's academic infrastructure, has the discretion to apply appropriate penalties once teams have fallen below the benchmark for three consecutive years.

For example, HBCU and limited-resource teams historically avoided penalties by showing both improvement and a graduation rate that ex-

ceeds that of the student body at the school. That separate standard remains available, but a team cannot use it every year. The committee limited its use to spur schools to continue to work toward academic achievement.

Additionally, the national office provides educational initiatives to help limited-resource schools offer additional academic support to student-athletes. Since 2012, the Accelerating Academic Success Program has awarded more than \$16 million to assist schools in developing and supporting academic programs that help student-athletes earn their degrees.

Schools may request a waiver from some or all penalty elements. Waivers are overseen by the Committee on Academics.

The specific penalties for each team are listed on the school's report in the APR searchable database.

POSTSEASON INELIGIBILITY

Alabama A&M: Men's basketball, men's golf, men's track and field, and women's cross country.

Grambling: Softball.

Mississippi Valley: Baseball.

Morgan State: Football.

LEVEL ONE PENALTIES

Grambling: Football, women's volleyball.

LEVEL TWO PENALTIES

Alabama A&M: Baseball, men's basketball, men's golf, men's track and field, and women's cross country.

Grambling: Softball.

Mississippi Valley: Baseball

Morgan State: Football

BCSP Track Notes

Wiley wins first NAIA Men's Outdoor Track title

GULF SHORES, Ala. – In 2012, **Wiley College** was given 20 scholarships to recruit in Trinidad and Tobago to help build a national championship contending track and field team. Those student-athletes set the foundation for the 2018 Wildcats to dominate their way to the first NAIA Track & Field Title in program history Saturday at Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium.



"This was three years in the making," said head coach **Marlon Baugh**, who won NAIA Men's Coach of the Year. "I'm proud of how our men performed. They executed."

The national title is the first in Wiley College athletic history and the first for a Red River Athletic Conference school in track & field. The Wildcats won six events and scored 92 points – which was 30 points ahead of Indiana Tech – which finished runner-up for the second consecutive year. Wiley's point total is the highest since 2014. It is the first HBCU to win the national title since 1993 when **Central State** (Ohio) won. Eight Wildcats earned NAIA All-American status.

Oraine Palmer (JR/Kingston, Jamaica) won the 100-meter dash (10.35), 200-meter dash (20.77) and ran on the champion 4x100-meter relay team with **Fabian Hewitt** (SO/Jamaica), **Kimorie Shearman** (SO/St. Vincent) and **LaFranz Campbell** (FR/Kingston, Jamaica). Palmer was named co-Most Valuable Performer. After running the anchor in the 4x100-meter relay, Campbell won the 110-meter hurdles in 13.98. The freshman was named Most Outstanding Performer.

Rajay Hamilton (SR/Jamaica) sped past Wayland Baptist's Quintaveon Poole – who had the fastest qualifying time to win the 400-meter dash (46.07). It was the second straight season a Wiley College runner won the event.

The Wildcats finished the day with Shearman, **Jamoul Pierre** (JR/Trinidad and Tobago), **Marbeq Edgar** (SR/Choiseul, St. Lucia) and Hamilton winning the 4x400-meter relay in 3:09.11. The Wildcats six titles give them 13 in program history.

Hewitt delivered NAIA All-American runs in the 100-meter dash (10.41) and the 200-meter dash (21.13) – finishing behind his teammate Palmer. Shearman earned NAIA All-American in the 200-meter dash (22.11) and 400-meter dash (47.00). Edgar (1:51.05) and **Shevan Parks** (SO/Jamaica) (1:52.04) earned NAIA All-American in the 800-meter run.

Southern-New Orleans wins

women's NAIA Outdoor Track title

GULF SHORES, Ala. – The **Southern University** at **New Orleans** Lady Knights and Head Track & Field Coach **Younne Reid** proved their mettle as they claimed their first outdoor track & field national championship in more than a decade-- and only the third in Southern-NO history. The Lady Knights previously won national championships under legendary Head Coach **Artis Davenport**.

The Lady Knights were masterful in each event in which they competed during Saturday's finals, earning a total of 64 points in just 6 events to take the NAIA's top title. The Lady Knights bested the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds by a mere 2 points, though the Thunderbirds fielded athletes in two more events than did SUNO.

The Lady Knights dominated opponents in each of the sprints taking one of the top-3 spots in each of the events in which they competed, clearing the path for their championship win. They began the day by placing second in the women's 400-meter relay. The team of **Kerry Ann Scott**, **Oshin Brooks-Gillings**, **Chantal Pennie** and **Argyana Bolton** went 46.12 to take silver in the event.

Bolton, who was named the 2018 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Women's Track Athlete of the Year, returned to the track for the women's 100-meter dash, hitting 11.72 to take silver behind Lindsey Wilson's Safia Bright. Bolton would go on to place first in the women's 200-meter dash. **Kimona Smikle**, who led the NAIA in the women's 400-meter hurdles, crushed her season best 1:00.34 in the event, taking gold in 57.63. Teammate **Shantae Green** finished fourth with a time of 1:00.39.

Shadae Hylton, who was the heavy favorite in the women's 400-me-

ter dash and was recently named the 2018 U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Southern Women's Track Athlete of the Year, ran a personal best 52.66 to place first. **Xuxa Peart**, a freshman, placed 6th in the event with a time of 55.69.

Finally, the women's 1600-meter relay team of Bolton, Peart, Hylton and Smikle went 3:40.15 to take gold over rivals **Wiley College** and Wayland Baptist.

Lincoln (Mo.) women take

D2 Outdoor Track title

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The **Lincoln (Mo) University** women's track & field team finished first in three events and scored 60 points to win the 2018 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championship at the Irwin Belk Complex on Saturday.



Diana Cauldwell, **Rene Medley** and **Christine Moss** each turned in three All-American performances, including in the 4x100m relay, where they teamed with **Shaian Vandenburg** to win the race in 44.51. Cauldwell also was the national champion of the triple jump, where she posted the event's longest distance of 13.16m, and was the national runner-up in the long jump with a leap of 6.23m.

Medley had Lincoln's other victory, winning the national title in the 200 meters with a time of 23.22 while Moss took seventh in that event in 24.20. Moss later teamed with **Renea Ambersley**, **Segale Brown** and **Shanice Clarke** to place third in the 4x400m relay as the foursome clocked in at 3:38.17.

Ambersley had another third-place finish posting a time of 53.18 to in the 400 meters. Rounding out the scoring for LU was Medley, who became the national runner-up in the 100 meters in 11.50.

This is the eighth national championship that Lincoln has won in women's outdoor track & field, following titles in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2014. It's also the 13th overall championship for the Lincoln women, who won indoor national titles in 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2016.

Lincoln's 60 points were 11.5 more than national runner-up **Saint Augustine's**, which scored 48.5. Angelo State (42.5 points), Grand Valley State (40.5) and Adams State (39) completed the top-five.

Saint Augustine's sophomore **Shannon Kalawan** scored 22.5 points, half of her team's total, as she ran away with national titles in the 400-meter dash, 400-meter hurdles and 4x400-meter relay leading to a national runner-up finish for the Lady Falcons. SAU's **Amanda Crawford** finished second in the 400 meters. Kalawan ran a personal-best 52.05 seconds and anchored the relay team that cemented the runner-up finish for the Lady Falcons.

In the men's competition, St. Aug's finished fourth behind national champion Texas A&M-Kingsville in its quest for its 40th Div. II title. SAU sprinter **Brandon-Valentine Parris** placed third in the men's 400 meters and fourth in the 200 meters dash and javelin thrower **Najair Jackson** finished second in the men's javelin throw. SAU's 4x400 unit placed fourth while **Dakarai Hightower** won the high jump title on Friday.

The Lincoln (Mo) men turned in three All-American performances. The Blue Tigers were third in the 4x100m relay, with **Roberto Smith**, later finishing sixth in the 100 meters. **Kizan David** was seventh in the triple jump.

Albany State's Joshua Ajero took third place in the men's 800 meters while **Cervantes Jackson** came in fifth in the men's high jump.

Johnson C. Smith freshman **Timor Barrett** earned All-American honors after finishing third in the 400 meter hurdles.

Central State hurdler **Juan Scott**, the reigning champion in the 110 meter hurdles, finished in sixth place in the event. Earlier this year, Scott claimed the school's first NCAA Div. II indoor national title with a time of 7.83 in the 60 meter hurdles.

Claffin's Odou Hazel ran a personal best time of 46.70 en route to finishing seventh in the 400 meter dash.

THE STAT CORNER

WHO ARE THE BEST PERFORMERS IN BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

HBCU ATHLETES IN NCAA DIV. II TRACK AND FIELD HALL OF FAME

Tomi Rucker	Saint Augustine's	1998
Jearl Miles	Alabama A&M	1999
Cynthia Badgett	Saint Augustine's	2000
Ken Brokenburr	Saint Augustine's	2000
Patricia Davis	Saint Augustine's	2000
Antonio Pettigrew	Saint Augustine's	2000
Chandra Sturup	Norfolk State	2000
Trevor Graham	Saint Augustine's	2001
Andrea Giscombe	Saint Augustine's	2007
Charles Johnson	Saint Augustine's	2007
Mike Lawson	Saint Augustine's	2007
Gregory Roberts	Morehouse	2009
Kia Davis	Saint Augustine's	2010
Christopher Coleman	Saint Augustine's	2010
Sherlese Taylor	Saint Augustine's	2012
Randolph Williams	Kentucky State	2013
Bershawn Jackson	Saint Augustine's	2016
Jim Kemp	Kentucky State	2016
Leford Green	Johnson C. Smith	2017
Barbara Pierre	Saint Augustine's	2017
Josh Scott	Saint Augustine's	2017
Shermaine Williams	Johnson C. Smith	2017

2018 NCAA DIV. II HBCU OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD ALL-AMERICANS

WOMEN

100 METER DASH
*Rene Medley - Lincoln (Mo.)
200 METER DASH
*Rene Medley - Lincoln (Mo.)
Christine Moss - Lincoln (Mo.)
400 METER DASH
*Shannon Kalawan - St. Augustine's
Amanda Crawford - St. Augustine's
Renea Ambersley - Lincoln (Mo.)
400 METER HURDLES
*Shannon Kalawan - St. Augustine's
4X100 METER RELAY
*Lincoln (Mo.)
Diana Cauldwell, Rene Medley, Shaian Vandenburg & Christine Moss - St. Augustine's
Shannon Kalawan, Leah Barker, Ade Hunter & Amanda Crawford
WOMEN 4 X 400 METER RELAY
*St. Augustine's
Ade Hunter, Amanda Crawford,

Leah Barker & Shannon Kalawan - Lincoln (Mo.)
Segale Brown, Renea Ambersley, Shanice Clarke & Christine Moss
WOMEN HIGH JUMP
Jade Jordan - Virginia State
WOMEN LONG JUMP
Diana Cauldwell - Lincoln (Mo.)
WOMEN TRIPLE JUMP
*Diana Cauldwell - Lincoln (Mo.)
Magaly Tshipopo - St. Augustine's
WOMEN DISCUS THROW
Jeia Gilliam - Virginia State
MEN
100 METER DASH
Roberto Smith - Lincoln (Mo.)
400 METER DASH
Brandon Valentine-Parris - St. Augustine's
Odou Hazel - Claffin
800 METER RUN
Joshua Ajero - Albany State

110 METER HURDLES
Juan Scott - Central State
400 METER HURDLES
Timor Barrett - Johnson C. Smith
4 X 100 METER RELAY
Lincoln (Mo.)
Javan Gray, Roberto Smith, Stephen Rose & Jakiel David - St. Augustine's
Damere Gilbert, Brandon Valentine-Parris, Adrian Kimmons & Dontarian Evans
4 X 400 METER RELAY
St. Augustine's
Dontarian Evans, Shaquille Dill, Adrian Kimmons & Brandon Valentine-Parris
HIGH JUMP
*Dakarai Hightower - St. Augustine's
Cervantes Jackson - Albany State
TRIPLE JUMP
Kizan David - Lincoln (Mo.)
JAVELIN THROW
Najair Jackson - St. Augustine's
* National Champion

2018 NCAA DIV. I BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

TEXAS REGIONAL
8 p.m. CT Friday (Longhorn Network)
No. 1 Texas vs. No. 4 Texas Southern
4 p.m. Friday
No. 2 Indiana vs No. 3 Texas A&M
NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL
2 p.m. ET Friday (ESPN3)
No. 1 UNC vs. No. 4 North Carolina A&T
11 a.m. Friday, 4 p.m.
No. 3 Houston vs. No. 2 Indiana